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CURRENT COMMENT.

It is reported from Berne, Switzerland, that Germany has revoked the recognition of Swiss neutrality.

Frost visited the low grounds about Galena, Ill., on the morning of the 1st and damaged growing vegetation.

INFORMATION from Vienna is to the effect that a secret treaty has been agreed to between Russia and Den-

KING HUMBERT suddenly closed the Italian Chamber on the 2d. This act was believed to be the prelude to a general election.

ARTICLES of incorporation for a new air line road from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Chicago have been filed with the Indianapolis Secretary of State.

THE Royal Grants bill has passed the committee stage in the British House of Commons, all amendments being rejected by large majorities.

THE lead mines in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, are shutting down, owing to Government of duties on lead ores.

An order has been issued making men forty years old ineligible as letter carriers in non-civil-service towns. This limit does not apply to war veterans.

THE President has turned over the papers applying for a pardon for E. L. Harper, who wrecked the Fidelity Bank, of Cincinnati, to the Attorney-General for examination.

of one of the locked-out miners died at Spring Valley, Ill., the other day. The physician who attended them pronounced it a clear case of starvation.

It is reported that a syndicate of wealthy men, most of them Chicagoans, are making preparations to pipe natural gas from Indiana, where they have secured 60,000 acres of land, to Chicago.

THE customs authorities at Montroal, Can., have placed a seizure on the paluting, "Jerusalem on the Day of the Crucifixion," on exhibition at the Cyclorama. The picture is valued nt \$25,000.

THE British Columbia River Gold Dredging Company has been registered in London with a capital of £40,000 in order to purchase Gibson's right to dredge for gold in forty-five miles of Frazer river.

An American company is preparing to open extensive iron mines in the island of Cuba and is certain that they will be a grand success. The scheme includes a harbor and a breakwater near the mines.

THE Bancroft mills at Media, Pa., whose product was bandled by Lewis Bros. & Co., the bankrupt dry goods merchants of Philadelphia, have been seized by the sheriff and advertised to be sold at auction.

THE work of tearing down the old State House at New Haven, Conn., commenced recently. About 5,000 persons witnessed the demolition, many of whom expressed regrets at the disappearance of so interesting a land-

CONSUL-GENERAL CARDWELL, of Cairo, Egypt, warns the State Department that an extensive trade in Egyptian rags with the United States is rendered particularly dangerous by the prevalence of small-pox in Lowe: Egypt.

SENECA SEVALIN, who caused Mrs. Clara Belle McDonald's divorce from her husband, the son of the president of the Pacific Bank of San Francisco, and then robbed her of \$20,000, has been sent to the California penitentiary for ten years.

The report that Queen Victoria was considering a trip to America has neither been denied nor affirmed. The fact that the Queen now is inclined toward visiting Ireland and that the rumored trip to America has not been denied, is creating much talk throughout the Kingdom. However, nothing has been yet announced.

THERE were two peculiar runaway weddings celebrated at Chattanooga, Tenn., the other day. One of them was the marriage of William Lecroix, nged seventy-six years, and Louisa Bluck, only fourteen years old. In the other case the couple were Jackson Slevius, aged sixty-five, and Emma Haynes, sixteen years of age. They had never met until the day previous. All the parties were members of well known and highly respected families.

THE State Department is in receipt of an exhaustive report on Russian agriculture and the cereal trade from Charlton H. Way, United States Consul-General at St. Petersburg. He says the export of cereals from Russia in the past two years shows an abnormal increase, due to three causesfirst, the enormous crop gathered from both the black lands and arable prairies; second, the depreciation of the paper rouble; and, third, the foolish practice of systems of "cor-

ners" in the United States. JAY EYE SEE, the phenomenal little gelding owned by J. I. Case, of Racine, trotted in any race this season. The lameness is the result of an accident at Lexington, Ky., five years ago. Jay Eye See's lawest record is 2:10.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. THE Commissioner of Indian Affairs has received a report from Malachi Krebs. a special agent of the Interior Department to allot lands in severalty to the In-

dians upon the Devil's lake reservation in Northern Dakota, announcing the refusal of the Indians to receive the allotments as contemplated in the General Allotment act of 1887. GOVERNOR FRANCIS, of St. Louis, re-

cently denied emphatically that he went to New York for the purpose of selling the Merchants' bridge to Jay Gould. THE President has designated General McFeely to act as Secretary of War during the absence of Secretary Proctor.

GENERAL SCHOFIELD has directed the ommander of the division of the Pacific to take such action as may be necessary to protect settlers near Calispeld, Washngton Territory, from the Indian outbreak threatened there.

GOVERNOR BEAVER, of Pennsylvania, has honored the requisition of the Gov-ernor of South Carolina for Rev. E. F. Flemon, the colored preacher accused of a ourder in 1884.

Sullivan, the puglist, was arrested at New York on the 31st on a requisition the imposition by the United States from the Governor of Mississippi, approved by the Governor of New York. SECRETARY TRACY has cabled Admirol Gherardi at St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti, to rescue three American sailors left on an uninhabited guano island called Arenas

> CAPTAIN L. DUVARGE, who shot Consular Agent V. F. M. Stanwood at Anakade, Madagascar, last November, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

THE remains of General Lazare Carnot, grandfather of the President of the French Republic, have been exhumed at Magdeburg, Germany, where they were buried. They will be reinterred in the Two children belonging to the wife | Paris Pantheon. The body was found in a wonderful state of preservation.

The United States Senate Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands in the West commenced its labors at St. Paul, Minn., on the 1st. Those present were Senators Stewart, of Nevada, and Reagan, of Texas; Colonel Hinton, of the geological survey, and Major Powell.

EVARISTO CABAZO, President of Nicaragua, is dead. THE island of Crete is reported to be in a state of anarchy as the result of the present uprising.

THE Emperor of Germany arrived at

Dover, England, on the 1st. LIEUTENANT TAPPENBECK, the African explorer, has fallen a victim to fever. In the Washington Territory Constitutional convention the clause forbidding counties to grant subsidies for any purpose whatever was adopted.

THE Shah of Persia visited Buffalo Bill's Wild West show in Paris and was much interested in the performance. COLONEL CANADAY, sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate, who had been in Alaska with a Senate committee, is ly-

ing quite ill in Montana. THE President returned to Washington THE Puyallup Indians, of Washington Territory, a tribe well advanced in education and intelligence, have sent a memorial

to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs asking for severalty. In a ukase the Czar of Russia has approved the late Count Tolstoi's reform

ENGLAND has annexed the Union and Phoenix groups of islands in the Pacific

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE Journeymen Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters' Laborers' Union has decided to sever its connection with the Knights of Labor. This means the deserthat organization.

A DOUBLE execution took place at Louiswas hanged for the murder of two policemen and Harry Smart for the murder of a man and woman while going down the river in a boat. Dilger's execution was ungled, the noose slipping, necessitating SEVEN shipwrecked Norwegian sailors have been picked up by the steamer Ningara and landed at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

THE Cincinnati, Hamilton & Doyton passenger train was wrecked at Oxford, O., on the night of the Sist. Twelve or fourteen persons were killed and injured. THE Spanish Government has advised the Pope that in case he finds it necessary to leave Rome be should find asylum in Portugal. It is understood that the same advice has been given to the Pope by Austria.

A HARMLESS earthquake shock was felt in California on the morning of the 31st. DR. G. M. CANTRELL, physician of the Arkansas penitentiary, asserts that Jim v pho-malarial fever.

Lack of water caused a boller explosion east of Fairfield, Ill., the other day. One man was killed and two fatally injured. THE "National Bureau of Engraving. of Philadelphia, a large lithographic printing establishment, is hopelessly involved. Its material has been ordered or sale.

The Sierras and Milton stage was stopped by two highwaymen near Cooperslown open, but found to contain nothing. root. Seventy-five dollars taken from the passengers was all the robbers secured. THE memorial commomorating the land-

ng of the Pilgrims was dedicated at ymouth, Mass., on the Ist. THE July sanitary reports to the Marine Hospital Service from Philadelphia and Chicago show that the latter leads the former in population and is the second placed as follows: Chicago, 1,100,000;

THE Richmond (Va.) railroad stables were struck by lightning the other day and burned. Sixty mules and horses and seven street cars were consumed. THE New York Graphic is again in trouble. Reporters and clerks are clamoring for salaries. A syndicate, headed by

Philadelphia, 1,040,245.

Steve B. Elkins, was supposed to own it, THE public debt statement, issued August I, showed an increase during July of \$1,017,312.51. The cause of the increase was due principally to pension payments THERE was a cloudburst at Wattins Glen, N. Y., on the 1st.

THE Algerian, a merchant vessel, sunk sissippi Valley, at Aultsville, Ont., the other day. The

Wis., has gone lame and will not be shut down. The streams were greatly suited in the death of Steve Springer, awollen and the majority of the collieries | who was assisting the cattlemen.

engaged in a riot. Two were killed.

Snow storms and lcy rains prevail broughout Switzerland and the streams are beyond their banks.

Kansas City won a ball game at Baltimore on the 1st. THE Chicago world's fair committee held a meeting recently and elected Mayor Cregier president. Two hundred representative men were present and an

executive committee was appointed. THE Bethlehem (Pa.) Iron Company has voluntarily increased the wages of its puddlers fifty-five cents a day.

THE treasure, footing up about \$200,000, lost on the steamer Granada off the western coast of Mexico, has been recovered. It is reported that cattle are dying at the rate of forty or fifty a day from splenetic fever in the Texas Panhandle. W. J. JOHNSON & Co., leather dealers of Boston, have assigned with \$5,000 direct and \$170,000 contingent Habilities. The assets are said to be ample.

accused of arson, hanged himself in the jail at Reading, Pa., the other night. The latest effort of Ives and Staynor, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad manipulators, to secure release from the New York jail has failed.

ABRAHAM FINKBONE, aged twenty-six,

ELEVEN business houses in Fennville, Mich., were destroyed by fire the other night, causing \$35,000 loss. A tramp's arelessness was the cause. Two cases of giant powder exploded in

pit No. 6 at Marquette, Mich., recently. wo men and three boys were killed. WORKMEN succeeded in opening the gate of the Feltville dam near Plainfield N. J., which had been closed for years with weeds, etc., and the threatened danger of a break of the embankment was passed. A PASSENGER train left the rails on the South Park (Col.) railroad and fell down

an embankment. The engineer was killed

and the fireman was seriously hurt. Several passengers were injured. A CLOUDBURST on the 1st did considerable damage at Watkins Glen, N. Y. A RAILROAD deal was reported by the Chicago Times by which the Chicago & Alton would purchase or lease the old Kansas Pacific track to Cheyenne. It was not thought likely, however, by the general public that the Union Pacific would

lose control of its terminal at Kansas

Mandan, Dak., was devastated by fire on the afternoon of the 2d. TREASURER COLEMAN, recently defaultng in Warren County, O., is \$63,000 short. REV. SAM SHARPE, a colored preacher,

I Lebanon, Ky., has been killed for livng with another man's wife. A QUARREL over a hog worth \$2 bas caused an armed feud between the Smiths and Slushers near Pineville, Ky.

Brutersu failures (Dun's report seven days ended August 1 numbered 210. compared with 216 the previous week and 216 the corresponding week of last year. ABOUT a third of the coke workers of the Connellsville region in Pennsylvania are on a strike for higher wages.

THE miners of Durbam, Eng., have voted by a majority of one to accept the 10 per cent, advance offered by the mine News from Gunnison, Col., recently was

that the Uses were off their reservation and were intimidating settlers. THE price of "The Augelus"-580,650 francs-has been paid to the French Minster of Fine Arts, and Millet's picture will soon be brought to America. Several European artists expressed the opinion that the picture was any thing but the grand work of art as generally thought. A SOUTH-BOUND train on the Delaware & Hudson went through an open switch at Kenwood Junction, N. Y., recently. Thomas Conniff, a passenger, was killed and five persons were more or less in jured. Soldciton Scott, of the Pennsylvan a

road, denies that the company has instituted proceedings against the South Fork Fishing Cub, of Pittsburgh, for damages caused by the Conemaugh floods. C. M. HULL, editor of the Bolivar County Democrat at Rosedale, Miss., was killed the other day by L. A. Weissinger, editor

tion of about 15,000 men from the ranks of of the Bolivar County Review, at that place. The Review was lately established and the two editors had engaged in a bitrille, Ky., on the 31st. Charles Dilger ter personal warfare in their respective co umus.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES

THE entire business portion of Spokane Falls, W. T., was destroyed by fire on the at his being dropped twice through the trap. 5th. Twenty-five blocks were reduced to ashes. The estimated loss is \$14,000,000.

THE stockholders of the Alabama State Fair Association have issued \$30,000 more in bonds on their property. This makes in all \$50,000, all of which will be expended on the buildings. The fair will open Catober 21, by which time everything will be in readiness.

DR. J. T. Hourigan, convicted of mauslaughter and given a nineteen-year sentence, was captured on the 5th in Fentress county, Tenn. He broke jail at Lebanon, Ky., on July 11, and was making his way to Mexico.

A VERY earnest effort is making in Crit-Burrows, the Genoa train robber, died in tenden county, Ark., to secure the buildthe prison hospital October 5, 1888, of ing of the levees, of which that county stands so much in need. WHEN workmen got in behind the fire in

the Pratt mines on the 4th, they found the dead body of George Scott, an old negro by the flames. WHILE excavating at Louisville, Ky., on the 4th, a workman dug up a tooth of a

mastodon. It is fourteen inches in cir-

cumference and five and five-eighths inches olis, Cal. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s safe was from the crown to the broken end of the GREAT damage was done to crops in Yalobusha county, Miss., by the recent heavy rains. Small creeks and little rivulets never before known to be injurious to

the growing crops became raging torrents. and their waters extended from bill to hill. THE President on the 3d appointed the following postmasters: Rollin A. Edgercity in the Union. The population is ton, Little Rock, Ark.; William W. Nisbett, Jonesboro, Ark.; James C. Russell, Camden, Ark.; James K. Barnes, Fort Smith, Ark.; Miss Clara C. Matthews, Hazlehurst, Miss.; Mrs. Mary N. Parish,

> EDWARD PURCHASE, ten years old, bauged himself in his father's barn at Clay Center, Kansas, on the 3d. He was experimenting to see now it would feel to be swung up by the neck and his death was really accidental.

Greenwood, Miss.

THE United States Fish Commission has two of its cars employed in the distribution of the indigenous fisheries of the Mis-

Harris Davis.

THE TRUST ORAZE.

An American Consul Thinks Germany is Seriously Troubled With the Incorpora-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3-Jacob Muller, Consul-General of the United States at Frankfort on the Main, under date of May 27 sends to the State Department a report on the formation of stock companies or trusts in Germany which he calls the "in-corporation fever." He says that he has always looked distrustfully on existing affairs there. The present events, the gigantic strikes by which Germany is visited, seem to him to prove that the social conditions are fraught with danger. The strikes are not revolutionary but are the outgrowth of unbearable conditions. In Rheinish Westphalia, on a territory of not more than twenty square miles, 90,000 people revolted at starvation prices. When the mining companies were realizing better prices for coals than for many years past the miners were receiving \$125 to \$185 per year. Just now Mr. Muller says Germany is showing symptoms of a business fever sim lar in many respects to that which terminated in the crash of 1873. It is tak- It is the cough of a consumptive, or the Christ mounts the cross. ing the form of the creation of industrial enterprises or the changing of private undertakings into stock companies. In 1884 a law was enacted for the regulation of stock companies. It required a more pity the prisoners!" But there is another amid all kindly intentions." No, the definite statement of affairs in the organization of the stock company, but it and gladness. What a place to sing in! made the stockholders much less responsible than the members of a private firm. The "winnings," as he calls the earnings dark wards the whisper is heard: of these companies, will, he says, be "What's that?" larger and spread out among a greater number of persons, but the people of limited means can not participate as the law their backs are bleeding yet. They lie the ground, and the sufferer is stretched flat on the cold ground, their feet fast in upon it, and the nails are pounded through separation of employer and employed which must result from these changes in business conditions will result in the union of workingmen and a permanent war between them and their smployers.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Wreck With Serious Consequences Near Albany, N. Y. ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 3.—A south-bound Delaware & Hudson through train in charge of Conductor Acker, ran through an open switch at the Kenwood Junction near here, about 4:20 yesterday afternoon, and into the north-bound West Shore train, due here at 4:30. The drawing the solid masonry begins to heave and have reached up and grasped the sword of ger coaches of the Delaware & Hudson train were thrown from the track. Thomas | prisoners, and believing, in his pagan ig- | But no; He was to die. He must die. His Conniff, a passenger on the West Shore injured. There were about thirty passentheir escape from death was marvelous, as | end to his excitement and agitation. two cars turned completely over on their sides and the inmates had to be taken out through the windows. The names of the seriously injured are: James E. Pittman, Mrs. Henderson, of West Troy, cut on the the feet of these prisoners, crying out: head and injured in rnally not serious. Joseph Perkins, of Binghamton, engineer of the Delaware & Hudson train, leg injured by jumping; Mrs. Bart, of Coeymans Junction, badly bruised; William Mould, Saugerties, back burt; H. T. Finch and wife. Brooklyn, internal injuries: Mrs. Kate Powers. Catskill, arm injured; C. J. Wright, Peekskill, arm sprained; R. . Kepple, Utica, arm sprained; W. T. Burnside, New York, arm Incerated; G. C. Morris, 136 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, badly shaken up; J. P. Foster, badly hurt; Engineer Perkins' arm was broken; Matthew Turner, fireman of the Delaware & Hudson train, slightly injured about the arms by jumping; he resides on Quaker street. The tracks were

blocked until a late bour. How a Convict Was Pardoned. San Francisco, Aug. 3 -- A convict h. San Quentin prison serving seven years was pardoned this week by Governor Waterman. He had been convicted of forgery committed while intoxicated, Soon after President Harrison's nomination be wrote a poem entitled "The Old Soldiers," which was published in an evening paper. The poem, which described General Harrison's bravery the battle of Resaca, copied widely on this coast, and soon after Harrison's election of the prisoner's friends sent it to Mrs. Harrison, with a brief account of the convict-author's good life in prison. She took an interest in him and he has been pardoned. The released convict expressed great gratitude to Mrs. Harrison and declares that her sympathy has made a man of him. His name is withheld as he has the promise of a good

Crawford's Big Fee. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug 3.—The Ga-zette's Muskogee, L T., correspondent wires as follows: "The evidence taken in the investigation of the misappropriation of money by the Creek delegates was filed yesterday by Agent Gardner. The taking of testimony abruptly closed Thursday after the delegates testified that they paid ex-Governor Crawford the \$228,000 alleged to be unaccounted for. Agent Gardner expresses the opinion that

will exonerate himself." The Pilgrim Memorial. PLYMOUTH, Mass., Aug. 2 - This old town yesterday was gay with decorations and sometimes come to me with credentials national memorial to commemorate the can not trust them. You can not put landing of the Pilgrims. All historic spots your heart's confidence in a man until are marked by inscriptions and decora- you know what stuff he is made of, and tions. The celebration has included the am I unreasonable to-day when I stop to ringing of bells, the firing of salutes and ask you who this is that you want me to the dedication of the monument with im- trust in? No man would think of venturposing ceremonies, after which there was | ing his life on a vessel going out to sea tion was delivered by William C. P. must have the certificate hung amid-Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and a poem ships, telling how many tons it carries, was read by John Boyle O'Rellly fol- and how long ago it was built, and who lowed by speeches from other distin- built it and all about it. And you can not guished guests. Concerts were given in expect me to risk the cargo of my imthe afternoon and the celebration closed mortal interests on board any craft till

at night with fire-works and a ball. Collisions Caused By Fog. New York, Aug. 3 -There were several collisions in the bay and river dur-A now between poundcatchers and police of New Orleans on one side, and police of New Orleans on persons were rescued by the pilot boat.

SALVATION.

The Blessed Boon that All May Have for the Asking.

Sermon by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage on the Faith that is Necessary to Secure Eternal Life-Christ Our Only Hope, .

The following sermon was delivered by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage at St. Paul, Minn., during his recent Northwestern

trip. His text was: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou the apostolic times. I imagine to-day we are standing in the Philippian dungeon. Do you not feel the chill? Do you not hear the groan of those incarcerated ones who for ten years have not seen the sunlight, and the deep sigh of women who over their wasted estate? Listen again. struggle of one in the nightmare of a The music comes winding through the

It is the song of Paul and Silas. They norance, suicide to be honorable-since life for your life.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?" Did Paul answer: "Get out of this put handcuffs and hopples on these other prisoners, lest they get away?" No word | exposed her." of that kind. His compact, thrilling, tre-

mendous answer, answer memorable all through earth and Heaven, was: Well, we have all read of the earth-

quake in Lisbon, in Lima, in Aleppo and in Caracas, but we live in a latitude where severe volcanic disturbances are rare. And yet we have seen fifty earthquakes. Here is a man who has been building up a large fortune. His bid on the money thinks he has got beyond all annoying of his sermons. rivalries in frade, and he says to himself:

"Now I am free and safe from all possible perturbation." But in 1837, or 1857, or 1873, a National mercial world, and crash! goes all that able three months hence, you expect the Here is a man who has built up a very beautiful home. His daughters have their word and in their ability. Or, again, started in life, honest, temperate, and that. Now, I ask you to have the same struck, there is a happy and unbroken says: family circle. But there has been an accident down at Long Branch. The young man ventured too far out in the surf. The telegraph hurled the terror up to the city. An earthquake struck under the foundations of that beautiful home. The piano closed; the curtain dropped; the laughter hushed. Crash! go all those domestic hopes and prospects and expec- | what you give to scores of people every tations. So, my friends, we have all felt day. What is that? Confidence. we cried out as he did: "What shall I done more than Christ ever did, then give do? What shall I do?" The same reply that the apostle made to him is ap- think that Christ is as trustworthy as propriate to us:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

importance that you do not care to put cross." Do you believe it with your head any more than your last name under or your heart? I will illustrate the differthem, or even your initials; but there are convict, who had been smothered to death | ex-Governor Crawford will be indicted some documents of so great importance | the morning you open a newspaper and by the grand jury. The delegates are that you write out your full name. So the you read how Captain Braveheart on the only responsible to their constituency, Saviour in some parts of the Bible is sea risked his own life for the salvation many of whom boldly assert that the called "Lord," and in other parts of the of his passengers. You say: "What a enormous fee claimed to have been paid Bible Ho is called "Jesus," and in other grand fellow he must have been! His the at orney is a ruse to shift the burden parts of the Bible He is called "Christ;" family deserve very well of the counon Governor Crawford, who in some way this passage, all three names come together-"The Lord Jesus Christ,"

> me to trust in and believe in? Men filled with vi-itors to the dedication of the and certificates of good character, but I a parade to the dinner tent, where an ora- | that had never been inspected. No, you it was made and what it is. When, then, I ask you who this is you want me to ing the fog yesterday. The Clyde line describe His whole appearance as being steamer Yemasse from Charleston had in resplendent. There was no need for

coming along the street they ran into ones were brought out did He say: "Do

not bring me these sores; do not trouble me with these leprosies?" No, no; there there was a healing touch. They could not keep away from Him. In addition to this softness of charac-

ter, there was a fiery momentum. How the kings of the earth turned pale. Here is a plain man with a few sailors at his shalt be saved.—Acts vi., 31.

Jails are dark, dull, damp, loathsome places even now, but they were worse in that palace quake to the foundations, and dollars? Less than that. One dollar? uttering a word of mercy and kindness was not effeminacy or insipidity of character; it was accompanied with majesty, remember their father's house and mourn | Infinite and Omnipotent. Lest the world should not realize His earnestness, this

You say: "If Christ has to die, why great horror. You listen again, and hear not let Him take some deadly potion and a culprit, his chains rattling as he rolls lie on a couch in some bright and beautiover in his dreams, and you say: "God ful home? If He must die, let Him expire sound in that prison. It is a song of joy world must hear the hammers on the heads of the spikes. The world must listen to the death rattle of the sufferer. corridors of the prison, and in all the The world must feel His warm blood dropping on each check, while it looks up into the face of His anguish. And so the cross must be lifted and a hole is dug on can not sleep. They have been whipped, | the top of Calvary. It must be dug three wooden sockets, and of course they can nerve and muscle and bone, through not sleep. But they can sing. Jailer, the right hand, through the left what are you doing with these people? hand, and then they shake His right hand Why have they been put here? Oh, they to see if it is fast, and they heave up the have been trying to make the world bet- wood, half a dozen shoulders under the Joseph. A lion's cave for Daniel. A blazing furnace for Shadrach. Clubs for it in, all the weight of His body coming John Wesley. An anathema for Philip down for the first time on the spikes; and Melancthon. A dungeon for Paul and while some hold the cross upright, others Silas. But while we are standing in the throw in the dirt and trample it hard. Oh. gloom of the Philippian dungeon, and we | plant that tree well and thoroughly, for hear the mingling voices of sob and it is to bear fruit such as no other tree groan and biasphemy and hallelujah, ever bore. Why did Christ endure it? He suddenly an earthquake! The iron bars | could have taken those rocks and with of the prison twist, the pillars crack off, them crushed His crucifiers. He could room car "Argyle," and two passen- all the doors swing open. The jailer, the Omnipotent God, and with one clean feeling himself responsible for these cut have tumbled them into perdition.

train, residing in Albany, was killed, and Brutus killed himself, and Cato killed In a European city a young man died himself, and Cassius killed himself-puts on the scaffold for the crime of murder. his sword to his own heart, proposing | Some time after the mother of this young gers on the Delaware & Hudson train and | with one strong, keen thrust to put an | man was dying, and the priest came in, and she made confession to the priest But Paul cries out: "Stop! Stop! Do that she was the murderer and not her thyself no harm. We are all here." son; in a moment of anger she had Then I see the jailer running through the struck her husband a blow that slew Him. dust and amid the rain of that prison, The son came suddenly in the room, and of Troy, injured about the back and sead; and I see him throwing himself down at | was washing away the wounds and trying to resuscitate his father when some one looked through the window and saw him, and supposed him to be the criminal. place before there is another earthquake; The young man died for his mother. You say: "It was wonderful that he never

But I tell you of a grander thing. Christ, the Son of God, died not for His mother, nor for his Father, but for His Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou sworn enemies. Oh, such a Christ as that-so loving, so patient, so self-sacrificing-can you not trust Him? I think there are many under the influence of God who are saying: "I will trust Him: you will only tell me how;" and the great question asked by thousands is: "How? how?" And while I answer your question I look up and utter the prayer which market was felt in all the cities. He Roland Hill so often uttered in the midst

"Master, help!" How are you to trust in Christ? Just as you trust any one. You trust your part ner in business with important things. I panic strikes the foundations of the com- a commercial house gives you a note paymagnificent business establishment, payment of that note at the end of three months. You have perfect confidence in just come from the seminary with diplo- | you go home expecting there will be food mas of graduation. His sons have on the table. You have confidence in When the evening lights are confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ, He

> "You believe I take away your sins, and they are all taken away." "What!" you say, "before I pray any more? Before I read my Bible any more!

Before I cry over my sins any more?" Yes, this moment. Believe with all your heart and you are saved. Why, Christ is only waiting to get from you the shaking down of some great trouble, these people whom you trust day by day and there was a time when we were as are more worthy than Christ, if they are much excited as this man of the text, and | more faithful than Christ, if they have they are, then deal with Him as fairly.

"Oh," says some one in a light way, "I believe that Christ was born in Bethle-There are some documents of so little hem, and I believe that He died on the ence. You are in your own house, I but that there might be no mistake about try." You fold the newspaper and sit down at the table, and perhaps do not think of that incident again. That is historical faith. Now, who is this Being that you want

But now you are on the sea, and it is night, and you are asleep, and you are awakened by the shrick of "Fire!" You rush out on deck. You hear amid the wring of the hands and the fainting, the cry No hope, no hope! We are lost! we are lost!" The sail puts out its wings of fire, the ropes make a burning ladder in the night heavens, the spirit of wrecks hisses in the wave, and on the hurricane deck shakes out its banner of smoke and darkness.

"Down with the life-boats!" cries the captain. "Down with the life-boats!" People rush into them. The boats are about full. Room only for one more man. You are standing on the deck beyou tell me what it is made of, and where side the captain. Who shall it be? You or the captain? The captain says: "You." You jump and are saved. He stands trust in, you tell me He was a very at- there and dies. Now, you believe that tractive person. Cotemporary writers Captain Braveheart sacrificed himself for his passengers, but you believe it with love, with tears, with hot and long extow the fishing schooner Melinda Wood, | Christ to tell the children to come to Him. | clamations, with grief at his loss, and

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Jersey fla's. It was run into by the brig bosom: John could not help but but his beatless. in the Mahoning valley were drowned out.

Five hondred striking Italian rational seventeen years of age, on the 4th, in an interest is made of; but you do not know what material it become; John could not help but put his bridge; you do not know what material it become; John could not help but put his bridge; you do not know what material it becomes to it and walk of least of the seventeen years of age, on the 4th, in an interest is made of; but you come to it and walk seventeen years of age, on the 4th, in an all orders near Pittsburgh, Pa., recently alternation, shot and instantly killed seventeen was almost a total wreck. Three was to love Him. Oh, how attractive His over it and ask no questions. And here incorruptible riches.—Thomas a Kempla.

manner. Why, when they saw Christ is an arched bridge blasted from the "Rock of Ages," and built by the archtheir houses, and they wrapped up their itscture of the whole universe, spanning invalids as quick as they could and brought them out that He might look at ness, and all God asks you is to walk them. There was something so pleasant, across it; and you start, and you come to so inviting, so cheering in every thing He | it and you stop, and you go a little way on did, in His very look. When these sick and you stop, and you fall back, and you

experiment. You say, "How do I know that bridge will hold me?" instead of marching on was a kind look, there was a gentle word, there was a healing touch. They could feeling that the strength of the eternal God is under you. Oh, was there ever a prize proffered so cheap as pardon and Heaven are offered to you? For how much? A million dollars? It is certainly worth more than that. But cheaper than Less than that. One farthing? Less than which throbs through all the earth, and that, "Without money and without through all the heavens, and through all price," No money to pay. No journey ages, Oh. He was a loving Christ. But it to take. No penance to suffer. Only just one decisive action of the soul:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou

Shall I try to tell you what it is to be saved? I can not tell you. No man, no angel can tell you. But I can hint at it. For my text brings me up to this point. "Thou shalt be saved." It means a happy life here and a peaceful death and a blissful eternity. It is a grand thing to go to sleep at night and to get up in the morning, and to do business all day feel-ing that all is right between my heart and God. No accident, no sickness, no persecution, no peril, no sword can do me any permanent damage. I am a forgiven child of God, and He is bound to see me through. The mountains may depart, the earth may burn, the light of the stars may be blown out by the blast of the judgment hurricane; but life and death, hings present and things to come, are

Yea, further than that-it means peaceful death. Mrs. Hemans, Mrs. Sigourney, Dr. foung and almost all the poets have said handsome things about death. There is nothing beautiful about it. When we stand by the white and rigid features of those whom we love, and they give no answering pressure of the hand and no returning kiss of the lip, we do no. want any body poetizing around about us. Death is loathsomeness, and midnight, and the wringing of the heart until the tendrils snap and curl in the torture, un-less Christ should be with us. I confess to you an infinite fear, a consuming horror of death, unless Christ shall be with me. I would rather go down into a cave of wild beasts or a jungle of reptiles than into the grave unless Christ goes with ne. Will you tell me that I am to be carried out from my bright home and put away in the darkness? I can not bear darkness. At the first coming of the evening I must have the gas lighted, and the further on in life I get the more I

like to have my friends about me. And am I to be put off for thousands of years in a dark place with no one to speak to? When the holidays come and the gifts are distributed, shall I add no joy to the "Merry Christmas," or the "Happy New Year?" Ah, do not point down to the hole in the ground, the grave, and call it a beautiful place. Unless there be some supernatural illumination I shudder back from it. My whole nature revolts at it. But now this glorious lamp is lifted above the grave, and all the darkness is gone, and the way is clear. I look into it now without a single shudder. Now my anxiety is not about death; my anxiety is that I may live aright, for I know that if my life is consistent when I come to the last hour, and these hands with which I beg for your eternal salvation to-day are folded over the still heart, then I shall only begin to

To be saved is to wake up in the preseace of Christ. You know when Jesus was upon earth how happy He made every house He went into, and when He brings us up to His house in Heaven how great shall be our glee. His voice has more music in it than is to be heard in all the oratorios of eternity. Talk not about banks dashed with ef-

Heaven. We shall see the very face that beamed sympathy in Bethany, and take the very hand that dropped its blood from the short beam of the cross. Oh, I want to stand in eternity with Him. Toward that harbor I steer. Toward that goal I run. I shall be satisfied when I awake in His Oh, broken-hearted men and women, how sweet it will be in that good land to

florescence. Jesus is the chief bloom of

pour all of your hardships and bereavements and losses into the loving ear of Christ, and then have Him explain why it was best for you to be widowed, and why it was best for you to be tried, and have him point to an elevation proportionate to your disquietude here saying: "You suffered with me on earth; come

up now and be glorified with me in Heaven." Some one went into a house where there had been a good deal of trouble and said to the woman there:

"You seem to be lonely." "Yes," she said, "I am lonely," "How many in the family?" "Only myself." "Have you had any children?" "I had seven children." "Where are they?"

"Gone." "All gone?" "All dead?"

Then she breathed a long sigh into the onefiness, and said: "Oh, sir, I have been a good mother to the grave."

And so there are hearts here that are atterly broken down by the bereavements of life. I point you to-day to the eternal balm of Heaven. Are there any here that I am missing this morning? Oh, you poor, waiting maid! your heart's sorrow poured in no human ear, lonely and sad! how glad you will be when Christ shall disband all your sorrows and erown you queen unto God and the Lamb forever! Aged men and women, fed by His love and warmed by the grace for threescore years and ten! will not your decrepitude change for the of a hart when you come to look face to face upon Him whom, having not seen, you love? That will be the Good Shepherd, not out in the night and watching to keep off the wolves, but with the lamp reclining on the sunlit hill. That will be the Captain of our salvation, not amid the roar and crash and boom of battle, but amid His disbanded troops keeping victorious festivity. That will be the Bridegroom of the Church coming from afar. the bride leaning upon His arm, while Ho

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